

Claim Listing

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A storage system for a vehicle, the system comprising:
 - a vertical trim panel having a cavity;
 - an end panel having a handle for deploying and stowing the storage system from the vertical trim panel;
 - a flexible ~~cargo retaining element~~ container having a first end secured within the cavity of the vertical trim panel and a second end secured to the end panel, the ~~cargo retaining element~~ container extending from the cavity to the end panel to form a receptacle for receiving cargo when the end panel is deployed from the vertical trim panel, and collapsing into the cavity to be hidden from view when the end panel is stowed in the vertical trim panel.
2. (Currently Amended) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the ~~cargo retaining element~~ container comprises a net.
3. (Currently Amended) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the ~~cargo retaining element~~ container comprises fabric.
4. (Currently Amended) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the ~~cargo retaining element~~ container is removably secured within the cavity and removably secured to the end panel to facilitate removal of the ~~retaining element~~ container and ~~any cargo within the container~~ from the vehicle.
5. (Currently Amended) The storage system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - elastomeric cords extending from the cavity to the end panel, wherein the ~~cargo retaining element~~ container is supported from the elastomeric cords.

6. (Original) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the end panel includes at least one device for removably securing the end panel at a predetermined distance from the vertical trim panel when deployed.

7. (Original) The storage system of claim 6 further comprising:
a floor panel having a plurality of recesses disposed at varying distances from the vertical trim panel, the recesses cooperating with the at least one device of the end panel to removably secure the end panel at a selected one of the distances.

8. (Original) The storage system of claim 6 wherein the at least one device comprises a rotatable hook.

9. (Original) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the vertical trim panel is secured to a rear portion of a passenger seat.

10. (Original) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the vertical trim panel is disposed within a trunk of the vehicle.

11. (Original) The storage system of claim 1 wherein the end panel fits substantially flush with the vertical trim panel when the storage system is stowed.

12 - 16. (Canceled).

17. (Original) An integrated storage system for a vehicle, the storage system comprising:

an expandable container secured to and extendable from a vertical panel of the vehicle to at least one predetermined position to accommodate cargo, the container being collapsible to be substantially flush with the vertical panel when not in use.

18. (Original) The storage system of claim 17 wherein the container includes a semi-rigid end panel having a handle to facilitate expanding and collapsing of the container.

19. (Original) The storage system of claim 18 wherein the container includes netting secured to the semi-rigid end panel.

20. (Original) The storage system of claim 18 wherein the end panel engages a device fixed to a floor panel at the at least one predetermined position to hold the container open.

21. (New) The storage system of claim 17 wherein the container is removably secured to the vertical panel, the storage system further comprising a strap associated with the container to facilitate transportation of cargo outside the vehicle.

22. (New) The storage system of claim 17 wherein the container is removably secured to the vertical panel of the vehicle so the container can be removed from the vehicle while maintaining contents within the container.

23. (New) The storage system of claim 17 wherein the vertical panel is mounted to a back side of a passenger seat.

24. (New) A storage system for a vehicle, the system comprising:
a vertical trim panel having a cavity;
an end panel having a rotatable hook for deploying and stowing the storage system from the vertical trim panel adapted to engage an opposing vertical trim panel and for hanging cargo;
a flexible container secured within the cavity and to the end panel for receiving cargo when the end panel is deployed from the trim panel and collapsing into the cavity to be hidden from view when the end panel is stowed in the vertical trim panel; and

a floor panel having at least one recess cooperating with the end panel to removably secure the end panel at a selected distance from the vertical trim panel to maintain the container in an open position.

25. (New) The storage system of claim 24 wherein the vertical trim panel is permanently attached to a passenger seat.